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1. THE GROC HAS ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF 107 OFFICERS TO FLAG/GENERAL OFFICER RANK (13 NAVY, 77 ARMY, 15 AIR FORCE AND 2 MARINE) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1976. NAMES OF ALL OFFICERS PROMOTED ON THE ANNUAL LIST WERE SUBMITTED BY THE REFERENCED USDAO REPORTS.

2. OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN THIS YEAR'S CAF LIST WAS THE PROMOTION OF COL. HSU TE-CHIH (1776/1795/0037), FORMER AIR ATTACHE IN THE UNITED STATES (1972-1975) WHO REPORTEDLY WAS PERSONALLY ADDED TO THE LIST OF NEW CAF MAJOR GENERALS BY GENERAL LAI MING-TANG (6351/0682/3282), CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

3. KUO TSUNG-CHING (6753/1350/3237) WAS THE FIRST TAIWANESE PROMOTED TO FLAG RANK IN THE NAVY AND THE FIRST TAIWANESE WHO ENTERED THE MILITARY AFTER 1945 TO REACH GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER RANK. THE ONLY OTHER ACTIVE DUTY TAIWANESE GENERAL OFFICER OF WHOM WE ARE AWARE IS LT.

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GEN. CHEN SHOU-SHAN (7115/1343/1472) CA, WANG SHENG'S

(3769/2573) DEPUTY IN THE GENERAL POLITICAL WARFARE DEPARTMENT (GPWD), MND. SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ALL THE OFFICERS PROMOTED, IT IS POSSIBLE THERE MAY BE OTHER TAIWANESE.

4. OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE ARMY LIST WAS THE HIGH PERCENTAGE (19 PERCENT) OF POLITICAL WARFARE/INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS PROMOTED (9 POL WAR OFFICERS, 2 NATIONAL SECURITY BUREAU, 2 TAIWAN GARRISON GENERAL HEAD-QUARTERS, 2 INTELLIGENCE, FOR A TOTAL OF 15). WE SUSPECT AHT WANG SHENG, HAVING RECEIVED HIS OWN LONG AWAITED PROMOTION TO DIRECTOR OF GPWD LAST SUMMER, MADE A SPECIAL AND APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO REWARD HIS LOYAL SUBORDINATES IN GPWD. POPPLE

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